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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 571
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate R. Michael Browder
on becoming the Chairman of the American
Public Power Association.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize
outstanding citizens whose solid records of achievement in Tennessee have gained them high
national office; and

WHEREAS, R. Michael Browder, the highly regarded, longtime general manager of the
Bristol Tennessee Electric System, has achieved the rare honor of being selected the new
Chairman of the American Public Power Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Browder, who has served admirably as the Chairman-Elect of the
Association for the past year, will take office as Chairman at the APPA National Convention, to
be held June 18-20, 2001, in Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, The American Public Power Association, a key voice in the national energy
spotlight, represents more than 2000 communities and state-owned utilities that serve more
than 40 million people; and

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WHEREAS, The important 2001 APPA National Convention, public power's largest meeting of the year, will attract thousands of elected and appointed utility board members, senior utility executives and guests; and

WHEREAS, R. Michael Browder, a native of Cherokee County, Alabama, holds a degree in Engineering from Auburn University and is a licensed professional engineer in both Tennessee and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Browder has also received a Masters Degree in Management from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, He has held positions in Engineering and Operations at Huntsville Utilities and the Bristol Tennessee Electric Service and has served with distinction as the BTES General Manager for 23 productive years; and

WHEREAS, Under his able leadership BTES has received numerous awards, including the National Arbor Day Foundation Tree Line USA Utility Award and the Tennessee Quality Governor's Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Browder has served astutely as a member of the American Public Power Association Board of Directors since 1992, as Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's Rate and Contracts Committee for the past ten years, as President of the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association, and as President of the Northeast Tennessee Regional Industrial Development Association; and

WHEREAS, He presently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Tennessee Quality Award Board of Directors and as a Judge for the Rochester Institute of Technology/*USA Today* Quality Cup; he is the President-Elect of the East Tennessee State University National Alumni Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, R. Michael Browder has been highly praised for his hard work, numerous accomplishments and intelligence and competence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, He has been strongly supported by his wife, Linda P. Browder; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we honor and commend R. Michael Browder on his selection as Chairman of the American Public Power Association; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend R. Michael Browder for his service to Tennessee as we look forward to his future service to our country as Chairman of the American Public Power Association and wish him well in his new post.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.